

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Add new dependent claims according to the attached copy of the claims.

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1. (Previously Amended) A twisted -pair cable separator spline comprising:
  - a longitudinally extending spline having a plurality of spaced longitudinally extending open pockets,
  - a cross-section of said spline having a major axis and a minor axis,
  - at least one pocket being on the major axis, and
  - at least one pocket being on the minor axis, and
  - wherein said major axis has a length greater than a length of said minor axis.
2. (Previously Amended) The spline of claim 1 wherein,
  - said major axis is substantially perpendicular to said minor axis, and
  - each of said at least one pockets longitudinally extending substantially parallel to each other.
3. (Previously amended) A twisted -pair cable separator spline comprising:
  - a longitudinally extending spline having a plurality of spaced longitudinally extending open pockets,
  - a cross-section of said spline having a major axis and a minor axis,
  - at least one pocket being on the major axis,
  - at least one pocket being on the minor axis,
  - said major axis has a length greater than a length of said minor axis,
  - said major axis is substantially perpendicular to said minor axis, and
  - each of said at least one pockets longitudinally extending substantially parallel to each other,

each of said at least one pockets have a cross-sectional area which is 75 % or less than a cross-sectional area of a circular envelope of a twisted-pair cable to be placed in said at least one pockets.

4. (Original) The spline of claim 1 wherein,  
said spline has first, second, third, and fourth spaced longitudinally extending open pockets,  
a cross-section of said spline having a major axis and a minor axis,  
said first and second pockets having substantially the same cross-sectional area, and  
said third and fourth pockets having substantially the same cross-sectional area.

5. (Previously Amended) A twisted -pair cable separator spline comprising:  
a longitudinally extending spline having a plurality of spaced longitudinally extending open pockets,  
a cross-section of said spline having a major axis and a minor axis,  
at least one pocket being on the major axis,  
at least one pocket being on the minor axis,  
said major axis has a length greater than a length of said minor axis,  
said spline has first, second, third, and fourth spaced longitudinally extending open pockets,  
a cross-section of said spline having a major axis and a minor axis,  
said first and second pockets having substantially the same cross-sectional area,  
said third and fourth pockets having substantially the same cross-sectional area  
said major axis is substantially perpendicular to said minor axis,  
said third and fourth pockets having substantially the same cross-sectional area,

said first, second, third, and fourth pockets longitudinally extending substantially parallel to each other, and

each of said at least one pockets have a cross-sectional area which is 75 % or less than a cross-sectional area of a circular envelope of a twisted-pair cable to be placed in said at least one pockets.

6. (Previously Amended) The spline of claim 5, wherein

said first and second pockets having a depth greater than a depth of said third and fourth pockets, and

each of said at least one pockets have a cross-sectional area of about 25% to 75 % the cross-sectional area of the circular envelope of the twisted-pair cable to be placed in said at least one pockets.

7. (New) The spline of claim 1 wherein,

said spline has first, second, third, and fourth spaced longitudinally extending open pockets,

a cross-section of said spline having a major axis and a minor axis,  
said first and second pockets having substantially the same cross-sectional area and  
being opposite each other and on the minor axis, and

said third and fourth pockets having substantially the same cross-sectional area and being  
opposite each other and on the major axis.

8. (New) The spline of claim 7 wherein,

said first and second pockets have a depth greater than a depth of said third and fourth  
pockets.

9. (New) The spline of claim 5 wherein,  
said first and second pockets are opposite each other and on the minor axis, and  
said third and fourth pockets are opposite each other and on the major axis.